NEWSLETTER

ARBORETA & BOTANIC GARDENS

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

The business office would like to welcome aboard our new student worker, Miss Julie Snyder. If you should hear a new voice on the switchboard it's Julie helping out.

Lee Wakeman and wife are on tour of Mexico for the next month. Mr. Wakeman said before he left that he planned on having a total gourmet experience.

In approximately one week, Chuck Hewitt, Ray Ramos, John Loyo, Chris Van Wagner, and Janice Kohler will be receiving their seven-week-old kittens which they have offered homes. We still have one little homeless feline that needs someone to care for it. If you are interested, please contact the business office.

There will be an additional County approved holiday this year on Tuesday, November 6, 1973. This has been ordered as a special election day by Governor Reagan.

RESEARCH DIVISION

The project of Armillaria root-rot control by the use of pressure injectors and the chemical cycloheximide, has received some financial help. The Upjohn Company, manufacturer of cycloheximide, will donate about three hundred dollars worth of the chemical for our field plot treatment. Furthermore, through contact with Mr. William J. Griffin, President, Western Chapter, of the International Shade Tree Conference, Inc., we have recently received a check of one-thousand dollars given by Madame Gauna Walska of Santa Barbara for the Armillaria project. This money will assist us greatly in managing these field experiments which will begin next spring.

ARBORETUM DIVISION

On October 15 at 2 p.m. in the Lecture Hall, tetanus, booster, and immunization shots will be provided to any member of the Department who is based at the Arboretum. The service is being provided by the County Health Department without charge to any employee who would like to take advantage of the offer. We will be distributing forms to your supervisor for those who want the shots to fill out in the near future.

On October 17 there will be another safety meeting for all Arboretum Divisions employees, and for any other division member who is interested. The meeting will be in the Lecture Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m. and will deal with the subject of agricultural chemicals and their use.

The Queen Anne Frolic was a great success and the staff is to be congratulated for the efforts they put into the project that made it run so smoothly.

SOUTH COAST DIVISION

On October 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., we will host the "Challenge of the Environment," a Girl Scout environment workshop which will include displays, a graffiti wall, rap sessions, nature trails, tram tours, and more. The public is invited to observe and participate.

Once again South Coast is buzzing with the activity of new classes. All adult classes have been filled to capacity, and several have stand-by lists nearly as long as their registration lists. Children's classes begin on September 29 with Vegetable Gardening, for which we received double the number of applications we could accept.

An ambitious landscaping project is under way, involving the entire staff and a number of volunteers. Flats of ground cover cuttings now fill our large greenhouse, half the shade house, and a roomy temporary plastic covered structure built just for them. And we've only just begun! Special thanks to two of our volunteers, Nancy and Valerie, for their help on this and other projects.

Our garden is attracting interesting birds this fall. Several are new observations: bobolink, summer tanager, sage thrasher, sage sparrow, marsh wren, clay-colored sparrow. Always welcomed back in the fall to spend the winter with us are the white-crowned sparrows who started returning in mid-September.

PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION

The Volunteer School Field Leader training program, currently in progress, will conclude its formal sessions October 30, but will continue informally through November. Approximately 26 experienced field leaders are attending the sessions along with 20 promising new people, all of whom we hope will finish the training and be ready to start leading field trips in January. With this complement to the present group we will be able to increase our service to school districts both by accommodating more children and by employing more effective educational techniques.

We wish to welcome Albert Johnson, our new student professional worker. A recent Stanford grad, Albert will be working in the new Information Center which we will be moving into around the end of the month.

EDUCATION DIVISION

Those of you who knew Phyllis Hunt who worked in the Education Division office until about a year ago, will be saddened to learn of her death September 25th. Phyllis died of cancer after being ill for nearly a year. As a tribute to her and to help accelerate control of this disease, a fund has been raised for the City of Hope where a plaque will be placed in her memory. Phyllis created a mark on the lives of all who worked with her and who knew her. Her standards were high but realistic, her spirit unquenchable and her humor ever present. She was an unforgettable person with good will to all and she took much love and respect with her.

The fall semester is off and running with more than 550 adults and 200 children registered. Many had to be disappointed as all workshop courses had to be limited, Bonsai and Gardening being the most in demand. The first evening course at South Coast Botanic Garden registered 34 for Bonsai, a good indication that the area would support an expanded program as soon as it becomes possible.

At LASCA the Nature Museum is no more! Though still a part of the Youth Education complex, the building has been allocated to the Las Voluntarias as a workshop for Bonanza production.

Joan DeFato you must meet if you haven't already. Joan arrived October 1 as Plant Science Librarian. She comes here from the Boyce Thompson Institute Library where she has held a position for several years. Joan vacationed in August rafting down the Colorado - last raft through the low water and high rocks—so look for fast adaptations and high spirits in the Library.
Ruth Taylor has been working full time this month and much thanks to her for having kept the Library functioning normally this past month.